MAGIC

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Introduction

The traditional magician would use sleight of hand and misdirection methods to capture and stun the audience with a sense of wonder and awe, carefully manipulating items with accuracy and delicacy. The magician in this paper has nothing to do with sleight of hand but everything to do with unseen *spirits* working in tandem with man to perform something 'supernatural,' something which the natural created man is unable to do on his own.

Looking at it from the source of the power which was the *spirits;* shamans, magicians and channeling are treated synonymously in this regard. And so, channeling will be used to represent both magician and shamans. The paper is divided into four (4) sections each dealing a specific topic:

- Section 1 "**WHAT**" is this power?
- Section 2 "**HOW**" does one acquire it?
- Section 3 "**WHERE**" are the *spirits* behind the power from?
- Section 4 "**TESTING"** a certain pastor.

Its purpose is to equip the reader with the 'discerning might' to identify the false Holy-Spirit within modern Christianity. And since it is a *spirit* none the less, there is bound to be some form of workings such as 'healing' and 'expulsion of other spirits.' It will also clear up strange encounters if one is ever unsure of what to do with it. Encounters such as:

- 'a being appeared to me in my dream / vision and has called me to do such and such …', I tried resisting at first, but it kept on persisting till I surrendered by life / obeyed.'
- 'a being walked into my room and He told me this… / He did this…'
- 'ever since a being came to me in my dream / vision, I could hear his voice speaking to me or I could feel it's presence.'
- 'a being gave me / or handed me the power of God (usually in the form of 'fire' & 'paper')
- 'a being gave me supernatural abilities which are hard to explain, I don't know how I do it, I just do'
- 'the ability to call the presence of God to earth'
- 'the ability to open invisible portals'
- 'feeling the presence of God in their room' *etc.*

There are certain topics in this paper which are labeled *"it requires its own dedicated paper."* Lastly, it is not meant to be an in-depth paper on 'magic.' It is meant to serve only as an overview of 'magic' in relation to channeling. I wanted to show the connection and see some similarities of what is taking place between channeling and what is going on today in the modern church.

1. Magic

Magic is defined as 'a technique grounded in a belief in powers located in the human soul and in the universe outside ourselves, a technique that aims at imposing the human will on nature or on human beings by using supersensual powers.' It is derived from the Old Persian *magu* (singular),[1] members of the Persian Priesthood from Media. An ancient kingdom located in what is now northern Iran.[2]

An important concept in all magic is the principle of cosmic sympathy, which has nothing to do with compassion, but means something like "action and reaction in the universe."[3] 'Assume the universe to be one giant 'body' which is made up of all living things; it one day receives a cut on its body. Unable to do anything, every cell in its body screams in pain. The magical power with the knowledge to remedy that pain is believed to be freely available and is waiting for a medium to channel and use ***"it"*** to mend the wound. Though the magician / mediums do not fully understand it themselves, it somehow works through them.' Scientists think in terms of "cause and effect," while the *magician* thinks in terms of "sympathies."[4]

The ***"it"*** is this hidden 'cosmological *energy*'[5] (a pantheistic world-view) *It is vocated by 'name,' by 'chanting of specific words,' by 'rituals / ceremonies' which sometimes include 'shedding of animal blood' and 'amulets.' Later, it will be shown how the 'will' of men vocates the same 'cosmological energy' with just his 'mind' through 'desire.'* It can be divided into three primary branches from which numerous manifestations originate.

Therefore, the use of this *'universal power'* which is supposedly "available" both from *within* and *outside* of the self (εγώ) is divided into three branches (see section 3 for the *universal power / energy*)

1. those used for 'protection' and 'healing' (white magic)
2. those used for 'relationships,' 'passion,' and 'sexuality' (red / grey magic) and
3. those used to 'harm, manipulate, control others or to cause misfortune' (black magic)

1.1 White magic

Magic, like the illustration above is described as 'white' or 'light' magic since it doesn't harm or influence the will of others. Robert Michael Place states, 'white magic is a practice that is intended to do good or to bring the practitioner to a higher spiritual state (enlightenment)[6] It has more to do with 'healing' and 'protection rituals' from spirits. It is an essential component of pagan communities and their studies in herbalism and health, which evolved into modern medicine.

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[1] *magi* (plural)
Wouter J. Hanegraaff, *Esoterisism and the Academy: Rejected Knowledge in Western Culture* (United Kingdom: University Press, Cambridge, 2012), 169.

[2] "Magi" in *The World Book Encyclopedia*, vol. 12 (USA: World Book, Inc., 2003), 48.

[3] Arcana Mundi, *Magic and the Occult in the Greek and Roman Worlds*, trans. George Luck, 2nd ed. (U.S.A, Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006), 33.

[4] A Pantheistic view of the universe.
"All creatures, all created things, are united by a common bond. If one is affected, another one, no matter how distant or seemingly unconnected, feels the impact. This is a great and noble idea, but in magic it was mainly applied in order to gain control." This is why there is a belief in 'threatening the idol of the deity.' Example: Whenever Italian Fishermen made a good catch, they offered the saints the usual incense, flowers, and candles; but when the catch was not good, they cursed the statues and kicked them.' They did this believing 'the deity will feel the pain somehow and react' and cause them to be plentiful in their fishing endeavors.
Arcana Mundi, *Magic and the Occult*, 34, 35.

[5] "Chi" among the Chinese and East Asia; "Mana" among Melanesian and Polynesian peoples; "Ki" by Japan; "Vril" by the Germans; "Kundali Shakti" (Serpent Power) or "Vibration" meditation or more generally *Devatas* in Hindu cosmology etc. Concerning the 'universal power / magic / chi / mana / ki / vril / serpent power / vibration,' Albert Pike, a prominent member of the Freemasons wrongly stated: **"**This agent, (universal force or "equilibrium") partially revealed by the blind guesses of the disciples of Mesmer, is precisely what the Adepts of the Middle Ages called the elementary matter of the great work. The Gnostics held that it composed the igneous body of the Holy Spirit; and it was adored in the secret rites of the Sabbat or the Temple, under the hieroglyphic figure of Baphomet or the hermaphroditic goat of Mendes.**"** He argues that Christians should 'submit to' and 'to practice' "magic."
Albert Pike, *Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish rite of Freemasonry* (New York: Masonic Publishing Company, 1874), 734.

[6] Robert Michael Place, *Mysteries, Legends, and Unexplained Phenomena: Magic and Alchemy* (United States of America: Chelsea House Publishers, 2009), 17.

1.2 Red magic

"Red magic" may be used to refer to certain types of ceremonial magic, such as sex magic or love spells, which are focused on relationships, passion, and sexuality. It regards the sphere of sexuality and influences the sentiments.[7] Hoodoo, a form of Voodoo, is another name for Red Magic. As Jeffery E. Anderson suggested '*hoodoo* might be derive from a combination of the *ewe* word *hu* (spirit) with either *do* (work) or *du* (eating.) So, *hu-do / du* could be understood as "spirit work" i.e. manipulation / manipulator of spirit or "spirit eating," which is the name of a specific Vodu ritual.[8] In this ceremony, mostly semen, menstrual blood, saliva, and urine are used. Surprisingly, there are variations of red magic (less disgusting versions; a simple chanting) Since it influences the will of others, it technically falls under black magic.

1.3 Black magic

"Black magic" also known as dark magic is a form of magic or supernatural practice that is used to harm, manipulate, control others or to cause misfortune. In other words, it is the use of the 'cosmological *energy*' for evil purposes.[9] It is often associated with malevolent or evil intentions and is believed to draw upon the power of negative energies or spirits to achieve its goals. The Chinese concept of 'yin and yang' is seen here (cosmic energy divided into "good" and "bad") Curses and hex are the most commonly known form.

2. Witch / Magician

The term "witch" comes from the Old English word *wicca,* which is derived from the Germanic root *wic,* meaning 'to bend' or 'to turn.' By using *magic*, a witch is believed "to change" or "bend events." Male witches were also called *warlocks* and *wizards,* but those practicing *wicca* are called witches[10] (both male and female) Lately, *witch* is interpreted to mean female practitioner of *wicca;* it took on an exclusively feminine connotation.[11]

Leaving out wizards and witches since they're frequently associated with stories or movies where they are made to possess over amplified magical powers, a distortion by P.O.P culture. Example: the wizard Dr. Strange, Wanda the witch, the wizard Shazam, the Ice queen from Narnia, the film series Harry Potter, Gandalf from the Lord of the Rings etc. Instead, we shall investigate lesser known varieties of *'wicca.'*

2.1 Shaman

The word *Shaman* is believed to be of Tungus origin, giving rise to the German term *schamanen,* which in turn gives rise to the English phrase *shamanism.*[12] According to 'etymonline,' a *šaman* is a given name to the "priest of the Ural-Altaic peoples of northern Asia" in the 1690s.[13] Oxford Dictionary, it defines a Shaman as:

> A Priest or priest-doctor among various northern tribes of Asia. Hence applied by extension to similar personages in other parts, esp. A medicine-man of some of the north-western American Aborigines…The primitive religion of the Ural-Altaic peoples of Siberia, in which all the good and evil of life are thought to be brought about by spirits who can influence only by shamans; hence applied to similar religions, esp. of Northwest American Indians…[14]

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[7] FR. Gabriele Amorth, *An exorcist explains the demonic: The antics of Satan and his army of fallen angels* (Manchester, New Hampshire: Sophia Institute Press, 2016), 38.

[8] Jeffery E. Anderson, *Hoodoo, Voodoo and Conjure: A Handbook* (Westport, Connecticut London: Greenwood Press, 2008),132

[9] "Black Magic" in *Encyclopedia of Occultism & Parapsychology*, vol. I A-L, 5th edition, edited by J. Gordon Melton (United States of America: Gale Group, Inc., 2001), 189.

[10] "Witchcraft" in *The World Book Encyclopedia*, vol. 12 (USA: World Book, Inc., 2003), 371.

[11] Witches and wizards are people thought to possess magical powers or to command supernatural forces. "Witches and Wizards" in *Encyclopedia of World Mythology.* Encyclopedia.com. (April 12, 2023). https://bit.ly/3KFOMx4

[12] Graham Harvey and Robert J. Wallis, Historical Dictionary of Shamanism (USA: Scarecrow Press, Inc., 2007), xvii.

[13] "shaman" in *Etymonline.* Updated on August 04, 2022 https://www.etymonline.com/word/shaman

[14] "Shaman/Shamanism" in *The Oxford English Dictionary: Being a corrected re-issue with an Introduction Supplement and Bibliography of a New English Dictionary on Historical Principles*, vol. IX, Edited by Robert Burchfield (Great Britain: University Press Oxford, 1933), 616-617.

Shirley Nicholson, in her book *Shamanism* defines the work of a shaman like so:

> Shamans deal with a realm where *spirit* beings can offer wisdom and help…these realms [where these entities may be found] are the zones of the sky, earth and underworld which are joined by an axis or central opening through which the shaman can communicate with all the zones…This gives shamans the ability to draw on a power greater than themselves…They enter those realms *(in an altered state of mind)* only for the purpose of being effective in the everyday world, to heal and help others.[15]

Merete Demant Jakobsen in his book *Shamanism: Traditional and contemporary Approaches to the Mastery of Spirits and Healing* explain the role of a shaman:

> The role of the shaman as a mediator between the human world and the world of the spirits is known worldwide and therefore justifies the use of shamanism as a more general term. 'There is more between heaven and earth than one can directly see. Some societies have accepted this and handed it over to some special human beings to take care of the society's relationship to the supernatural. Such specialists that have existed as long as there have been human beings are called spirit-invokers or shamans.' It later became the specialist's task to contact the hidden world and the shaman became the spiritual leader of the society, with his knowledge of mythology, and healing, and his capacity as a mediator between spirits and human beings. The task of the shaman was to create cosmos out of chaos by traveling to the spirits and, through that encounter, to deal with crises in society such as lack of game, illness or failing fertility...He is the messenger and the healer of individuals and of society as a whole.[16]

Therefore, it can be said, a *shaman* is someone who:

i. is a master of spirit,
ii. has a group of mastered spirits and
iii. is someone who assume a special societal position.[17]

They are known to mediate between *man* and *divine*, where they would voyage into the *'spirit realm'* and *'understanding things'* not known by other people. According to Manvir Singh, shamans are also diviners who by providing otherwise *'inaccessible information*.'[18] Therefore, the general meaning of the word 'shaman' is greatly in favor for *"one who knows,"* form the Manchu-Tungus verb *ša "to know."*[19]

Since 'shamanism' is believed to have been derived from an ecological adaptation of hunting and gathering societies, one can say that every 'ethnical-national mediator' who has ever existed is technically a 'shaman' (at one point or another) Different given names of "shaman" from around the world: *healer, medium, medicine-man, witch-doctor, diviner, kahuna, angekok, reka, pawang, dukun, ojha, pahan, swami, datu, manang, badvo, zawl-nei, puithiam, wū, dajung, siampu, thempu, siampi, maibi-maiba, priest, priestess, seer*, are some examples. With this explanation in mind, 'shamanism is believed to have existed before 12,000 B.C.E'

2.1.1 How does one become a Shaman?

How one becomes a shaman is greatly dependent on geographical location. Because, it is hereditary in one place *(generally considered to possess the most powerful spirits and societal importance)*, and in the other it is not, and in yet another places, one is born a shaman. Some say the *spirit / spirits* are transmitted only through the male but somewhere else, it is through both the sexes. One believes it to be exclusive only within a specific family, but in other places, they believe the *spirit* could grant it to whomever it wills, even someone outside the

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[15] Shirley Nicholson, ed., *Shamanism: An Expanded view of reality* (U.S.A, Illinoi: Theosophical Publishing House, 1987), 1.

[16] Merete Demant Jakobsen, *Shamanism: Traditional and contemporary Approaches to the Mastery of Spirits and Healing* (New York, Oxford: Berghahn Books, 1999), 16.

[17] S. M. Shirokogoroff, *Psychomental complex of the Tungus* (London: Kagan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co., Ltd, 1935), 274. An inexperienced individual can become possessed or be controlled by the *spirits*. "A shaman differs from a 'possessed' person, for example; the shaman Controls his '*spirits*,' in the sense that he, a human being, is able to communicate with the dead, 'demons,' and 'nature spirits,' without thereby becoming their instrument. To be sure, shamans are sometimes found to be 'possessed,' but these are exceptional cases for which there is a particular explanation."

Mircea Eliade, *Shamanism Archaic Techniques Of Ecstasy* (USA: Penguin Books, 1964), 6.

[18] Manvir Singh, "The cultural evolution of shamanism" in Behavioral and Brain Sciences (April, 2018), 3; 8.

[19] Jakobsen, *Shamanism*, 19.

family. At other places, the *spirit* still has to accept and approve it, though the *spirit* may be a family spirit, like a family god (hereditary spirit) In some places, the father himself would choose his successor, after which he would transmit the traditional secret knowledge to him. And in other places, the father does not choose, the spirit does the choosing. If a shaman is without children, the *spirit / spirits* could be transmitted to a friend or a disciple or within the same family, since the tutelary *spirit* does not vanish after the shaman's death *(this is accepted across geography)* In other places, one could become a shaman by announcing the *spirit* of a dead shaman (predecessor) appeared to him in his / her ***dream*** and has ordered him / her to succeed him *(This kind of 'self-appointed' shamans are considered inferior to 'hereditary.' It is given less weight in a society)* While in other places, this type of 'self-proclamation' is absent.

Regardless of its geographical location and the various understanding, shamanism is considered to be a gift from the *unseen*, either from the sky god, the gods, the spirits or the ancestors (dead relatives) There is a wide range of understanding 'how?' a person becomes a shaman. Mircea Eliade in his book *Shamanism Archaic Techniques of Ecstasy* summarized it into four:

(a) Self-appointed
(b) Hereditary
(c) Spontaneous vocation (call or election through sickness or near death experiences like lightning strike)
(d) Purposeful (quest, trying to attain the *spirit / spirits*)[20]

Although not listed above, "fasting and praying" is an important ingredient when one intends on becoming a shaman. Mrs. Frances Johnson writing the 'supernatural world' held by the Takelma Indians stated,

> the intending shaman would undergo a suitable term of training, generally consisting of fasting and praying in the mountains; during this period one or more spirits would appear in a ***dream*** (a trance is a dreamlike state) and make known their guardianship by the bestowal of a medicine-song, for each of the shaman's *'yo-lap-xda'* (spirit guide or guides; by extension guardian spirit) has its own particular song suited to its general character."[21]

Three of the four points above are self-explanatory. 'Spontaneous vocation' becomes a little bit more interesting. Leo Sternberg calls it "divine election." The "call" will be ascertained by 'dreams' and 'convulsions' both provoked by the ancestral spirits. The *spirits* will sometimes carry the candidate down to the *underworld*[22] ; and the transmission of the *spirit / spirits* (from the older shaman to the younger 'to be' shaman) always takes place through an ecstatic experience (dream-like state).[23] It is of two types:

1. forced election and
2. voluntary election.[24]

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[20] Of the Central and North East Asia.
Eliade, *Shamanism Archaic Techniques of Ecstasy*, 13; 22, 23.

[21] Edward Sapir, "Religious Ideas of the Takelma Indians of Southwestern Oregon," in *The Journal of American Folklore*, Vol. 20, No. 76 (Jan. - Mar., 1907), 41.
A shamanic song (medicine-song) is a series of musical notes which can be played using an instrument or chanted, sung and recited with the mouth. Complete with rhythm and melodies. It is exceedingly similar to the Christian saying, 'god gave me a song in my heart.' The only difference; the prior is born from contact with *spirits*, a 'mystical experience.' This goes to show, songs and music (not only rock-metal music) also comes from *spirits.* By modern interpretation, it could also be a specific sequence of "prayer" to invoke their respective *spirit-guide.*
See: Mihály Hoppál and János Sipos, *Shaman Songs*. Budapest: International Society for Shamanistic Research, 2010.

[22] The 'underworld' in the religions of the ancient Near East is the destination of the deceased, and, like the heavens, is peopled and ruled by gods.
"Underworld," in *The Interpreter's dictionary of the Bible: An Illustrated Encyclopedia, edited by Keith R Crim* (Nashville: Abingdon, 1976), 222.

[23] A trait which is common to Siberian Shamanism.
Mircea Eliade, *Shamanism Archaic Techniques of Ecstasy* (USA: Penguin Books, 1964), 18, 19; 21.

[24] Spontaneous election: the voluntary vocation as opposed to 'forced election' is accompanied by 'dream' and not by 'convulsion' nor was the intending shaman struck with sickness as we see in 'forced election.' In 'forced election,' either one becomes a shaman or is killed by the specific sickness. Meaning he/she does not recover from it.

Sternberg observes that the 'chosen one' / 'to be shaman' (in this case, a 'forced election') is manifested by a comparatively **serious** *(unknown-incurable)* **illness**, accompanied by fits, fainting and hallucinations which is usually coincidental with the onset of sexual maturity (at puberty) The *spirit* who had elected / chosen him would appear in his / her ***dream***, effectively telling and *insisting* that he become the new shaman so that that he / she could "heal" **his** people.[25] The *spirit* will heal the seemingly 'serious illness' after he agrees to become the shaman. Gold Shaman was a 20 year old future shaman who fell seriously ill (for the first time in his life) when his prospective *spirit-wife* appeared to him. He later became a shaman. *In archaic times, spirits would come to the intending shaman as beautiful (female) or handsome (male) adult / mature; half man half beast; different animals; ancestors; plants etc. It varies from person to person.*

Lastly, it has been said that 'shamanism is hereditary in one place and in the other, it is not.' This implies that the shamanic-office is not exclusive. This also means that, in the larger scope of the 'magico-religious world,' any individual can become a shaman or more accurately obtain the same kind of *spirit / spirits* (see channeling below) Reiterating the question, how does one become a shaman? Neglecting its social function and implication within a society[26] and focusing on the *spirit* / *spirits*, one becomes a shaman / shamaness when 'the unseen / the sky god / the gods / the spirits / the ancestors (dead relatives) made contact with 'a person' and vice-versa.[27]

2.2 Channeling

Let's look at two explanations from a Channeling documentary by Patrick Matrisciana. First up, Dr. Alan J. Roxburgh.[28] He said, "it's a reintroduction into the west of believes that had been around for thousands upon thousands of years. That there are in fact *spiritual entities* and *spiritual realities* both *in nature* and *outside of nature* and we can contact them." Second, Alexander Blair Ewart stated:[29]

> "Trans. channeling basically emerged (re-surfaced) in the mid-18th hundreds. When science had destroyed western religion, essentially. Something that had been repressed for about two thousand years which was paganism and earlier animistic forms of religion came gushing to the surface. So, suddenly you had this pagan approach to the spirit that had been repressed for a couple thousand years suddenly float to the surface."[30]

The ancient *entities* underwent metamorphoses throughout the centuries (it required its own dedicated paper) The same person Blair Ewart continues:

> It seems that mostly people are using channeling (shaman / mediums) at this stage in less of a nineteenth century way. Where you went to get a message from your aunty Mary who you know passed over ten (10) years ago and where the messages were very much in terms of medium coming through and saying "I've got your auntie Mary here and here is some advice." Now people seem to be drawing on channeling saying "I got this kind of information from the channeled entity. I take from it what I want to use, I take from it what I feel comfortable with and I try to develop spiritually through that" (received information)[31]

According to the statements, channeling is a notion that has been around for thousands of years; the notion that one can 'communicate' with *supernatural entities* for a variety of reasons. An 18th century re-discovery of a pagan approach to *spirits*. Hindu missionaries like Swami Vivekananda and Swami Yogananda in the late 19th and early 20th century resp. greatly accentuated this shift in the West; the introduction of Yoga and Meditation (See: 'Occult,' p.4)

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[25] William Madsen, "Shamanism in Mexico," in *Southwestern Journal of Anthropology,* Vol. 11, No. 1 (spring, 1955), 48-57.

[26] He or she is a respected and important part of the hunter-gatherer community, serving as a (a) physician (b) spiritual minister (c) dream interpreter (d) psychiatrist (e) elder statesman and a mediator between the physical and spiritual worlds. Shamanism is their religion.

[27] Shirokogoroff, of the Tungus says, Shaman refers to "…at their will can introduce these spirits into themselves and use their power over the spirits in their own interests, particularly helping other people, who suffer from the spirits; in such a capacity they may possess a complex of special methods for dealing with the spirits."

S. M. Shirokogoroff, *Psychomental complex of the Tungus* (London: Kagan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co., Ltd, 1935), 269.

[28] Director of McMaster Centre for Mission and Evangelism.

[29] Editor of Dimensions Magazine.

[30] Patrick Matrisciana. Who Goes There? Channeling Documentary. https://jeremiahfilms.com/who-goes-there-channeling-documentary/

[31] Matrisciana, Who Goes There?

2.2.1 How does one become a Channeler?

Focusing onto three specific channelers from the 20th century to understand the "how?" of channeling. First, Pat Rodegast. A supposed Christian who channels a *spirit* named *Emmanuel*. It identifies itself as a brother of Jesus Christ, offering 'wisdom' and 'teachings' on "how to live comfortably in the cosmos." Her story started sometime in the middle of the 20th century. She was a single mother of three children and practices 'Transcendental Meditation.'[32] At the age of 46, Emmanuel appeared to Mrs. Pat as a beautiful light. He appeared in her 'inner vision,'[33] and when that happened, she suppressed *it* out of fear. Eventually her apprehension abated. Until finally, she opened herself to *it*. She describes the moments leading up to her seeing 'Emmanuel' for the first time:

> The first time I saw Emmanuel, some two years after the initial visual breakthrough, he appeared, as he still does, as a being of golden light. At first he would seem to be standing to my right, just within my line of vision but not predominant in any way. Gradually he moved more and more to the center of my inner vision so that in a week's time he was clearly standing directly in front of me. I asked who he was, "I am Emmanuel," he replied. "Will you be with me?" I queried. His answer was a simple and sweet "Yes"…At first I simply enjoyed sitting in meditation and being with him for, you see, the most important thing is not what I see or hear but how I feel. From the moment he appeared I felt a love that seemed unfamiliar in my human experience but also familiar and remembered— one of those things that words don't convey at all well…(the spirit said) "Jesus is my brother."[34]

Second, Richard Lavin channels a *spirit* called *Ecton*. He refers to him as a non-physical personality, which he met during one of his meditation. Let's look at his description of the first meeting.

> Traditional religion (Christianity) never did it for me; external authority never did it for me. I always felt there is something inside that needed to come up to the surface. So I studied altered states of consciousness. One day a friend was leading me through a *meditation* and I sensed an *energy* in the room. And to make a long story short, the *energy* was very loving, *very benevolent* and I got a sense that it wanted to drop in, to my body.[35]

Thirdly, Joe Fisher, the late 20th century. He channels a Greek woman named *Filipa*. Once he made contact, he could talk to her as if she were right next to him. Not only that, she knows what's on his mind and what he's thinking about.[36] Initially, a medium named Aviva told him of Filipa. He was told Filipa was his lover in the 18th century and it was now her responsibility in this other realm to oversee his spiritual development while he was on earth. Upon hearing this, Fisher tried contacting her. He describes the process:

> I closed my eyes, and willed Filipa to communicate with me. My efforts were rewarded with fifteen minutes of blankness interrupted by scraps of memory and teeming thoughts about the oncoming working day. In short, nothing happened. But the prospect of enjoying mind-to-mind contact with my guide left me restless with anticipation. Every morning I tried again. Every morning I yearned for a breakthrough.[37]

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[32] Transcendental Meditation is a method of relaxing the body that became popular in many countries during the 1970's. It was developed in the 1950's by the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, a Hindu monk from India. One would meditate for 15-20 minutes, morning and evening, before meals. Silently repeating their mantra selected for them from the Hindu scriptures by their teacher.

"Transcendental Meditation (TM)" in *The World Book Encyclopedia*, vol. 19 (USA: World Book, Inc., 2003), 370.
(preparation of entering into a trance) Relaxation, visualizing of moving into a lighter and more refined vibration of existence (Visualizing of going to "Happy place" if you will) When the spirit made contact, it makes one feel like "filling up with golden light." Drugs such as DMT, psilocybin, ayahuasca, ibogaine, LSD, magic mushroom, mescaline and others like it have the same effect as Transcendental Meditation. Other known popular method of meditation is 'candle gazing.'

[33] Inner vision is seeing with your mind's eye (imagination) as clearly as you would with your physical eye. It is similar to hallucination. The only difference is, hallucination isn't real.

Although it is true that humans are physically unable to access the hidden realm of the spirit, they nevertheless could make their way into it through their imagination, which is a faculty that belongs to humans alone. Which is why, one must control one's own imagination since it is a force that could cause a person onto forming bonds with spirits.

[34] Pat Rodegast, *Emmanuel's book: A manual for living comfortably in the cosmos* (USA: Weston, CT: Friend's Press, 1985), xxiv; 42.

[35] Patrick Matrisciana. Who Goes There? Channeling Documentary. https://jeremiahfilms.com/who-goes-there-channeling-documentary/

[36] Joseph Fisher, *The Siren Call of Hungry Ghosts: A Riveting Investigation into Channeling and Spirit Guides* (New York: Paraview Press, 2001), 85-87.

[37] Fisher, *The Siren*, 29.

In the morning of March 1985, it finally happened.

> As I lolled at my desk in meditative repose, I received a distinctly visual impression of a woman walking towards me wearing sandals and a long white wrap (presented to his "inner-vision" or "mind's-eye") Although her face was partially hidden by the garment, I knew at once I was staring directly at Filipa. Within seconds, my body was racked with the most profound and unrestrained emotion. I wept out of joy and sadness and loss and anguish, yet to this day I don't really know why. Intellectually, I cannot find reasons for my tears. All I can say is that it was one of the most moving experiences of my life.[38]

When looking at these three testimonies side by side, some startling parallels began to emerge. They all have,

(a) a desire, a *supernatural-desire.*
(b) they were the ones to reach out to the supernatural.
(c) they each practice 'Meditation' and
(d) the "emotional feelings" they felt were similar. Mrs. Pat "felt a love that seemed unfamiliar in my human experience," Mr. Richard said "the *energy* was very loving, very benevolent" and Mr. Joe said he "experience a profound and unrestrained emotion which he don't really know why."

The sole difference was the identity of the channeled *spirits*.

- one was an angel (claiming to be one of the brothers of Jesus Christ)
- the other, 'an extraterrestrial being' and lastly
- a Greek female named Filipa from the 18th century.

The sharp contrast between each *spirit / spirits* identity could be due to the person's interests and background. One can say that since Mrs. Pat was religious, the *spirit* came to her with the name 'Emmanuel' (Matthew 1:23?) Mr. Richard, on the other hand, was discontented with society and is non-religious, so the *spirit* came to him as an 'extra-terrestrial being,' UFO-type thing. The same goes for Mr. Joe, who was a metaphysics researcher before meeting Filipa, his alleged eros from the past life.

This concept is similar with "Purposefully (quest)" of shamanism. Because, a channeler (the person) is always the one who initiates contact directly or indirectly with 'the unseen / the sky god / the gods / the spirits / the ancestors (dead relatives).' But with channeling, things are a little different. Channels (channelers) would bring information from *"entities"* called 'spirit-guide' who claim to originate from other planets, other worlds, from beyond the grave or even other universes (ascended master; deities / gods etc) Before, only a select few like temple priests, mediums, witches etc possess the *spirit* / *spirits*. But now it seems anyone with a powerful enough *desire* can obtain the *spirit* / *spirits* with little effort.

DESIRE

That means the spirit / spirits which appear will vary from person to person. Things like 'socio-religio-culture,' upbringing and the person's own personality, truth which he / she holds; likes and dislikes with respect to the world and the universe are the determining factors for the type and gender of the spirits that comes. A spirit that is tailored / custom fitted to one's own specific liking will eventually come if one ever initiates contact. Since this is the case, the spirit / spirits could very well disguise itself as the Holy Spirit.[39]

By now, Christian readers would've brought to their minds ***'Sadhu Sundar Singh,'***[40] *an Indian Christian missionary of the early 20th century. For Mr. Singh, one of the spirits that came to him on earth, the one who gave him 'wisdom' was supposedly Jesus Christ himself.*

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[38] Fisher, *The Siren*, 79.

[39] cf. footnote 64 to see a tiny preview of the "work" of the Holy Spirit.

[40] One can see the errors from his books such as (a) Meditation on Various aspects of the Spiritual life (b) Visions of the Spiritual World (c) Wisdom of the Sadhu (d) At the master's feet (e) Reality and Religion: Meditation on God, man and nature (f) Visions of Sadhu Sundar Singh of India.

2.2.2 Symptoms of Channeling

Generally, the physical person or the medium (the channeler) could feel their spirit-person (the spirit-guide) on their skin, at their fingertips etc, which usually feels like a 'low electrical current'[41] (a tingling sensation / a low buzzing sound like a 'humming vibration' / the feeling of strong 'orgasmic energy' / a sense of warmth which moves around) or, in other circumstances, a 'paralyzing current.' Two good examples of *electrical current* manifestation of these *spirits* are:

(a) Steve White, another channeler stated:

> I channel several different beings that are termed the spiritual hierarchy and the Ashtar command. They are etheric beings. They're not in the physical embodiment like we have. And as one (man) evolves from let's say the third dimensional plane to others, they can choose different aspect of service and the Ashtar command are ascended masters who have chosen to be in service to different planets going through transition…I allow it (them) to occur *(inhabit parts of his body like the 'hand' or 'vocal cord' etc)* and I can feel the *energy* coming around, it's sort of like, not like sticking your finger in a *wall socket* (electrical outlet) but something less than that and you feel it in you, you know it's presence.[42]

(b) Samael Aun Weor (a former Christian. Now, a teacher of universal Gnosticism) in his book "The Yellow Book," he incorrectly labels the same *electric power* or *shock* as the Holy Spirit:

> The adorable *Mother Kundalini* is the burning fire of the Holy Spirit…She is Love, *Electricity*, Universal magnetism, Cosmic Force…The Lady of all adoration opens the seven apocalyptic churches of the spinal medulla. We must search for the *Divine Mother* within our Heart Temple. The Cross of the Initiation is received within the Temple of the Heart. She, the adorable Lady of love is the only one who has the power of awakening Her children within the womb of the profound, Universal Spirit of Life. The mind must become a serene lake, without tempests *(you must switch off your mind / emptying the mind)* so that it will reflect the picture of the starry skies. When the mind is quiet and silent, then the Divine Mother is pleased with us…Commonly, *during the practice of meditation*, certain strange sensations occur that may fill the devotee with fear. One of these sensations is *an electric shock* in the chakra of the coccyx (tail bone) Also the lotus of a thousand petals, which is situated in the upper part of the brain (the top of the head), will feel *electric sensations*.[43]

Each practitioner (channeler) could also hear the *spirit's* voice and over time, will develop the ability to go into a *trance*[44] (only if the person wanted to)[45] and attain all sorts of supernatural-abilities like 'physical healing.' Two good examples of those 'white magical' powers (or healings) of channeling are:

(a) The ability to "feel the flow of *energy"* and to cause "physical healings" depending on the level of mastery of the individual *spirits*. Sanford channels an entity called *Tuktu*, he testifies:

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[41] "I (Koch) have myself come across a medium who emitted a *low-voltage current* from her extended fingers." And while the subjects are under the influence of the medium, Prof. Brauchle records, "some patients assert that at this moment they have *a sensation* similar to that which occurs when *a small electric current* flows through the body."

Kurt E. Koch, *Christian Counselling and Occultism* (Germany: Ev. Verlag, 1972), 44.

Rick Strassman would inject a mind altering drug called DMT (dimethyltryptamine) into willing volunteers who would have visions and encounters that they called "entities," "beings," "aliens," "guides," and "helpers." They would appear as "clowns," "reptiles," "mantises," "bees," "spiders," "cacti," "stick figures" etc. Strassman found out that everyone remarked on the *"vibration"* and the sense of powerful *energy* pulsing through them at a very rapid and high frequency;" loud intense hum; a humming sound; for some an amazing orgasmic energy etc. Some were taken to empty rooms, halls or apartments that seemed similar to this world but also different.

Rick J. Strassman, *DMT: The Spirit Molecule* (Rochester, Vermont: Park Street Press, 2001), 146; 185; 197; 318.

[42] Patrick Matrisciana. "Who Goes There? Channeling Documentary." https://jeremiahfilms.com/who-goes-there-channeling-documentary/

[43] See also footnote no. 7

Samael Aun Weor, *The Yellow Book: The Divine Mother, Kundalini, and Spiritual Powers* (New Jersey, Clinton: Glorian Publishing, 2012) of Global Grey's, pages 1and 34.

[44] In channeling, a trance occurs when the spirits (spirit-guides) takeover the physical-person's body usually to execute a specific task which the physical-person allows. There are semi-trances where just a single body part like the vocal-cord and most of the time the hand / palm would be inhabited by *spirits* (cf. footnote 46,47)

[45] There are virtually limitless powers offered by *spirits.* Whether a Christian; a Muslim; a Hindu; a Jews (Judaism) there are different variations. It is greatly dependent on what the person wanted and how he / she see themselves.

> It was as though my forehead was connected to my hands, my hands and fingers would get quite *hot*. I would know when the work (in this case 'healing leukemia' but it did not last) was completed on a particular area—the sensation of heat would die away. The difficulty always lay in blanking out the conscious mind. In time, I could tell where the problem areas were. The direction was mine, but the healing *energy* came from the guides (Russell and Tuktu. Russell was Aviva's)…I would place my hands on specified parts of the body. After a while, the part in question would get hot and no hotter.[46]

(b) The ability "to energize" and to an extent "effect some psychological improvements" to others. From the same group of channelers as above:

> Sometimes, group members (a group of channelers numbering at around 30 people) whose energy levels (stamina) were depleted through stress (is referring to the feeling of fatigue / tiredness) or overwork (also spiritual work) would be instructed to hold the entranced Aviva's (their leader) hands so that they could receive a steady influx of *energy* fed through her body from the guiding plane. As far-fetched as this might sound. I (Sanford) can attest to the marvelously restorative effect of these energy boosts. Feeling like an empty jug being filled to the brim, one knew instinctively when the transfer was complete...Rachel was jolted out of a *prolonged state of depression* by a coursing wave of *energy*, running the length of her body. "It was such an extreme sensation and it took place unexpectedly and without apparent reason," she said. "I've never felt anything like it in my entire life." William *(another channeler)* later admitted that he had effected *(caused)* the change *(to Rachel)*[47]

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*As presented, channeling has the qualities of 'white' magic with the help of their "spirit-guides." It is a simple act of laying hands or, hover the palm over the person or imagining physical contact with the person. Once everything is set, the person with the energy **allows** / **wills** it to flow through his / her body and onto the subject /recipient that needed the "recharge / jolting / for impartation of the spirit" etc.*

The *spirits* can also cause someone else to see exactly what the channelers have in 'their *mind*' (how they see themselves or believe how they would appear to others) Seane O'Mara Malone channels three spirits, which she calls *"the three."* One day, she was meditating with a colleague whom she said have "a natural talent." As they were meditating, the one with the 'natural talent' looks at Malone and said she saw the "three" from which she channels from.

> …at some point, we were kind of like doing meditation together and suddenly she looked at me and she said "you seem to have a veil all around you" and she continue looking "she's like no! It's not a veil, it's like a shower of light" and she starts looking up and she goes "oh my God." I say what do you see? She proceeded to describe the three to me, "so it's like there is some sort of spaceship" ofcourse it's not a spaceship, she didn't want to I'm sure appear that she was seeing things and she said "there is this three being. Each of them has a different thing they are supposed to do but they do it together." She is just looking up and she says "and there seem to be different colors." And she didn't know anything about this, about me.[48]

The energies discussed are spirits that interact with the corporeal in ways that are difficult to comprehend from a scientific standpoint. An individual with mastered spirits (shamans) have the ability to feel / sense other energies and can gage the power-level / the gender of that entity. As a result, 'powerful shamans' can suck-out with their mouth or yank-out with their hands the lower-energies that might cause problem to a person. This was and is some of the ways how they perform exorcisms. The same energies have also been associated with 'heat' which is called "mystical / magical heat."[49]

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[46] Fisher, *The Siren*, 288.

[47] Fisher, *The Siren*, 85, 86.

[48] Patrick Matrisciana. Who Goes There? Channeling Documentary. https://jeremiahfilms.com/who-goes-there-channeling-documentary/

[49] 'Mystical-Heat' is a non-scientific term that is used to describe a sensation of 'warmth' or 'energy' that persons associate with a spiritual experience, meditation, or some form of heightened consciousness…The idea of "mystical heat" is not an exclusive possession of shamanism; it belongs to magic in general. All kinds of persons or actions involving one or another magico-religious "power" are regarded as "burning."…Generally, it is 'one who possesses a great amount of universal energy.' (cf. footnote no. 5) Virgins (male & female) are believed to possess the highest amount of this universal energy. Which is why, they're often offered up as human sacrifice or are raped. Those who practice this faith believe the *energy* would transfer to them making them more powerful.

From beliefs such as 'positive thinking' ; 'self / ego death' or 'complete surrender to the spirits,' all channelers from within and outside of Christianity impart two specific 'wisdoms'[50] to the world:

(a) "indefinite reincarnation" and
(b) the teaching that "man is god" / "you are the Christ" / "you are divine" also called "Christ consciousness."[51]

One may ask, "why would *channelers* teach these specific beliefs?" The short answer is, to keep people on earth, bewitching them for as long as possible and making *it* feel like home. This, like the "why?" of shamanism requires its own dedicated paper. Pay close attention to the literature one reads, their sources and the ideas they convey. It just might have philosophies attained from the *spirits* of the world.

One is on the road to 'channeling' when they develop an unnatural supernatural desire triggered by a deep egotistical, narcissist view of oneself, a burning supernatural desire; unsatisfaction either from 'society' / 'religion.' Like shamanism, when a contact has been made, they become channelers.[52]

3. Where are these spirits from?

Throughout human civilization, one had always practiced some form of theism. And, just as 'how one becomes a shaman' differs from place and time, so does theism. One may be monotheistic, polytheistic, pantheistic or panentheistic with their own idea of 'good and evil.' For our purpose, two monotheistic cases will be observed.

3.1 Islam

According to Islam, it was Allah who created these spirits. The Qur'an mentions three created spiritual beings which are divided into two categories:

a. the lower spirits and
b. Celestial spirits…

"Shaitan or Shaytan" is an identity given to the *bad spirits* within the category of 'lower spirits' but, *jinn* is a broad term for both the 'good and the shaytan' within the same 'lower spirit'[53] ('celestial spirits' is intentionally omitted since it does not contribute to this paper. In pre-Islamic Arabia, people influenced by *jinn* like magicians, seers and poets were thought to have special esoteric knowledge.[54]

Amira El-Zein, an Associate Professor of Arabia at Georgetown University in Qatar who specializes in Arabic and French literature states in her book *Islam, Arabs, and the Intelligent World of the Jinn,* 'the Arabic characters *'jim'* and *'nun'* occur together to communicate the idea of invisible, unseen or concealed like in the phrase 'jinn,' [55] She continues, contrary to popular belief, *jinn* are not the souls of dead humans (ghosts); their acts are impulsive, and they pay attention to human. They are beings which precede humans, and are intelligent

[50] The *spirit / spirits* would speak to them and sometimes through them, to teach the secrets of the universe. They are like 'ChatGPT,' where *they* could provide convincing answers to hard hitting life questions but its knowledge is limited.

[51] "You have the Holy Spirit in you, therefore you are also God / divine; Since God is the one who created man, you are little gods." These two statements and statements similar to these are true for believers when 'we' have a 'glorified body,' for we will be like the angels (Matthew 22:30 'and no more marriages afterwards'); however, it is untrue while we are clothed with 'flesh and blood' (in the sense that it didn't happen yet) Another example is, "the Holy Spirit will bring to your mind of scripture when it is needed," based on John 16:13. This idea is good but it ignores the 'socio-cultural context', causing it to lose vital truths. In the contemporary world, the Holy Spirit is viewed as the source of 'supernatural power' or more accurately the source of 'magic' (white magic) forgetting it's 'original' purpose, which was for "understanding" the "spoken words" of Jesus concerning His "invisible kingdom" (cf. footnote 64) The misunderstanding of the Holy has been on the rise since Christianity's birth in the 1st century A.D, and will only get worse while appearing to be good.

[52] Practice is necessary. And once mastered, it can be conjured ("to call") up at any time and ready to perform.

[53] Edmund Teuma, More on Qur'anic jinn. Melita Theologica, vol. XXXII, nos 1-2 (1981) https://www.um.edu.mt/library/oar//handle/123456789/32681

[54] Edward D. A. Hulmes, "Magic and Talismans," in *Encyclopedia of Islamic Civilization and Religion*, edited by Ian Richard Netton (London; New York: Routledge, 2008), 377.

[55] They are beings invisible to the naked eye that pays close attention to the affairs of men and influences them.

and subtle. They could move effortlessly through the air and are invisible from humans because of their elemental constructs. It recognizes both humans and jinn as the only two intelligent being on Earth.

Along this line of thought, Chris Line (Flying Saucer Review consultant, 1989) in a still unproven hypothesis, stated concerning these *jinn*:

> 'beings which dwell on a parallel level to man, but due to their existence at a different vibratory rate (in the electromagnetic spectrum), they are not normally visible to us or detectable by us.'...The jinn are able to control the matter that we call 'everyday reality', they possess control over certain aspects of the human psyche and can create in people's minds the subjective experience of matter; or they can create external and very realistic illusions in the same manner that our technology creates holograms...(and they function) in a system of electromagnetic energy, and as a finer, psychic energy.[56]

Similarly, Mr. Robert Lebling says they're aliens who live secretly among humanity. He stated in his book *Legends of the Fire Spirits, 2010:*

> Imagine a species of intelligent beings that live secretly among us. Imagine that they often appear humanoid or even human but possess amazing powers that we lack. They can change their shapes, can fly through the air and can even render themselves invisible. They watch us, study us and react to us…In today's North America or Europe, such creatures are discussed in all seriousness by many – they are called 'aliens' or 'Greys.' In the Middle East, Africa and Asia, beings that fit this description are called 'jinn.'[57]

Lastly, *jinn* are benign beings (whether they're the modern aliens or not) and were the source of 'powers / magic' as evident from *Magic and Divination in Early Islam.* It divides this power obtained from the jinns into two:

a. Magic as 'seeking to alter the course of events usually by calling upon superhuman force' and
b. Divination as the attempt to predict future events.[58]

Though a distinction was made, they were both powers from the *jinn.* It has the essential mark of 'black magic.'

3.2 Judeo-Christian

Similar to Islamic *jinn*, the Judeo-Christian's 'invisible beings' can all be categorized under the Greek word *spirit (pneuma)* and just as *shaytan* is the identification of the *jinn* who disobeys Allah, the Judeo-Christian usually uses the plural form *spirits* ***πνεύματα*** *(pneumata)* to refer to a group of specific entities who leads man away from God.[59] Let's have a look at the 'two' well-known origin story.

First, from the Enochic pseudepigraph fragments discovered at Qumran dated to around the first half of the 2nd century B.C (150 - 101 B.C) called 'book of the watchers.'[60] It is a Jewish adaptation of the Mesopotamian mythology of "the seven wise men" where the 'sons of God' intermarried with the 'daughters of man,' producing hybrid children known as the 'giants,' and, in turn, their offspring, the 'Elioud.' It goes on to state that the spirits *(pneumata)* of the Judeo-Christian were the disembodied spirits of the giants and the Elioud.

> And the watchers, the sons of heaven, saw them (women) and desired them…they were, all of them, two hundred…they began to go in to them…and they conceived from them and bore to them great giants. And the giants begot Nephilim and to the Nephilim were born Elioud…then the most high declared…"Go, Gabriel, to the bastards, to the half-breeds, to the sons of miscegenation; and destroy the sons of the waters from among the sons

[56] Chris Line, "The Jinn-From a Scientific Viewpoint," in Flying Saucer Review vol. 34, No. 4 (December Quarter, 1989): 13-18. They are beings invisible to the naked eye that pays close attention to the affairs of men and influences them.

[57] Robert Lebling, *Legends of the Fire Spirits Jinn and Genies from Arabia to Zanzibar* (New York: I.B. Tauris & Co Ltd, 2010), 1-2.

[58] Lawrence I. Conrad & Emilie Savage Smith, eds., *Magic and divination in early Islam: The Formation of the Classical Islam World,* Vol. 42 (Great Britain: Ashgate Publishing Limited, 2004), xiii.

[59] "Demons and Exorcism" in *Dictionary of Paul and His Letters,* edited by Gerald F. Hawthorn and Ralph P. Martin (England, Downers Grove Illinois: Intervarsity Press, 1993), 210.

[60] J.T. Milik and Matthew Black, *The Books of Enoch: Aramaic Fragments of Qumran Cave 4* (London: Oxford University Press, 1976), 22, 23.

> of men; send them against one another in a war of destruction…" the giants who were begotten by the spirits and flesh---they will call them evil spirits on the earth, for their dwelling will be on earth. The spirits that have gone forth from the body of their flesh are evil spirits, for from humans, they came into being, and from the holy watchers was the origin of their creation. Evil spirits they will be on earth and evil spirits they will be called.[61]

As expected, the 'book of the watchers' is a ***pseudo*** elaboration of Genesis 6. There's just one ***major*** difference between the two. In Genesis, the offspring of the 'sons of God' are presented in a positive light as "heroes of old, men of renown" (Gen. 6:4) but, in the Enochic book (1 Enoch 6:4) the action of the 'watchers' was depicted to be rebellious (who are these sons of God, giants and the Elioud? It requires its own dedicated paper)

Second: David Albert Jones, a director of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford and a Researcher at Blackfriars Hall, Oxford stated in his book *Angels: A very Short Introduction* said, *spirits* are those who rebelled against God and are called demons:

> It (Revelation12:7-12) paints a vivid picture of spiritual warfare between two forces, the forces of light and the forces of darkness. The forces of light are the angels, but who are the forces of darkness? And where did they come from? The answer from this passage seems to be that the forces of darkness, led by the Devil, who is also called 'the Satan', were originally good angels, but they rebelled and turned against God. The Archangel Michael, as military commander of the angelic army, drives the bad angels from heaven. This is good news for heaven but bad news for the earth, as the bad angels now prowl the earth trying to cause trouble for human beings…These 'fallen angels' are also called evil spirits, unclean spirits, or more simply demons.[62]

From the information above, one may deduce that the spirits *(pneumata)* of the Judeo-Christian are from both:

- Disembodied spirits of giants (Nephilim) with their offspring (Elioud), and
- Those *spirits* that were directly expelled from heaven by God.

One other possible source: 'the ghosts' of ungodly human beings till date. This is conjecture

(It is important to understand that there are other entities referred to as 'gods' now under the name *'spirits.'* Many have been 'out of commissioned' with Jesus' descension and ascension. Never the less they still exist, without worshippers. They are more powerful than the *spirits* of the Nephilim and the Elioud. Since they still exist one must not willfully seek out help from 'invisible beings' or be excited when receiving 'visions' or 'dreams.')

They (including the general *jinns* of Islam) are said to live on stones, trees, rivers, deserts, swamp areas, the air and other places. Despite estimates ranging from 4 million all the way to 133 million, no one is sure of their actual number. The important thing to take is, they are spiritual beings without a physical body that exist alongside man on earth. These beings are what caused Hawthorne and Martin to say 'magic' (whether used for good or for evil) as 'the utilizing of unseen beings / forces to accomplish certain goals with predictable outcomes that is demonstrated through supernatural ability.'[63]

4. Conclusion

First we saw the "what?" of magic, the three different types of magic which are all from the same source, 'the universal force / energy.' Second, we saw the "how?" and the "where?" of magic. It has been said that one becomes a channeler when a contact is made with 'the unseen *spirits*.' Therefore by definition, one becomes a channeler when,

- 'flesh and bone' contacts 'a *spirit / spirits*' and
- when 'a *spirit / spirits*' contacts 'flesh and bone.'

A contact is made either way. Without the *spirit-guide*, there exists no channeler. This is important especially for Christians today. Jesus said "let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from

[61] George W. E. Nickelsburg and James C. Vanderkam, eds., *1 Enoch: The Hermeneia Translation* (USA: Fortress, 2012), 23-37.

[62] David Albert Jones, Angels: A very Short Introduction (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011), 106,107. (.mobi)

[63] "Magic" in *Dictionary of Paul and His Letters*, edited by Gerald F. Hawthorn and Ralph P. Martin (England, Downers Grove Illinois: Intervarsity Press, 1993), 580.

evil (one)" (Matt. 5:37, ESV) when he instructed the people on taking 'Oaths.' The same is true for the Holy Spirit. John 14:26 (ESV) states concerning the Holy Spirit "he will teach you 'all things'[64] and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." Anything extra from the supposed Holy Spirit, though it appears to be good, is from the evil one. **Only God is good** (Mark 10:18) man and his desires are not.

There are many who claim to follow Jesus Christ but have made contact with *spirit* / *spirits* or have received the *spirits* through impartation and mistaking it as God / Holy Spirit. As a result, there exists an anomaly called 'Christian Shaman' and 'Christian Channeler.' "This is a return to the ancestral spirits of our fore-fathers under the guise of Christianity."

The more ancient the spirit; and the more spirits they master, the more powerful such Christian-witch-doctor will be with respect to 'healing' and 'expulsion of spirits.' This means, though they may possess the ability of 'healing' and 'expelling of spirits' their powers are limited. They will encounter people who they 'could not heal' and people 'who they could not expel spirits from.' What is the difference between the 'miracles' performed by Jesus and his apostles with such Christian-witch-doctor? This requires its own dedicated paper.

Let's **EXAMINE** the childhood encounters of an Israeli-born American-Canadian televangelist named Toufik Benedictus Hinn or commonly known as 'Benny Hinn' while remembering the **MARKS** of channeling that had been stated in the previous sections:

- Practice 'Meditation' (Pastor Hinn need not meditate, for '*spirits* had already contacted him at 11 yrs old.'
- the spirits can *cause* someone else to see exactly what the channelers have in 'their mind'
- a great supernatural-desire and reaching out to the supernatural
- having an un-explainable *outburst* of *emotions* induced by the *spirit* (see: "three testimonies")
- their own unique *spirit-guides* manifested with an *'electrical current'* like sensation
- the ability to *hear* it's voice or *sense* the presence of their own *spirit*

Pastor Hinn's encounter stories began with his mother who was a Greek Orthodox and Palestinian by blood. In the Hinn family tradition, the first born must be a son. This was not the case; his sister "Rose" preceded him causing his mother great shame and embarrassment. And so, Clemence Hinn (his mother) made a bargain with "God":

> …she made a *bargain* with God. "God, I have only one request. If you'll give me a boy, I'll give him back to You." (he was born on 3rd December 1952)…**ON THE ELEVENTH YEAR**…at the age of *eleven* (1963), God spoke to me through a *vision* of the night…I saw Jesus walked into my bedroom. He was wearing a robe that was whiter than white and a deep red mantel was draped over His shoulders…suddenly my young body was caught up in an incredible sensation that can only be described as "*electric*." I felt charged, as if someone had plugged me into a *wired socked*. There was a numbness—as if a million needles were pricking my body… **ANOTHER TEN (10) YEARS LATER, HE MET KATHRYN KUHLMAN, DAYS BEFORE THE CHRISTMASS OF 1973; AT THE AGE OF 21** *(at a Presbyterian Church run by Kathryn Kuhlman)* Suddenly, as I stood there, I felt a most unusual sensation. My body began to *vibrate*—much *as if* someone had taken me by the shoulders and begun to shake me…I could feel it in my legs, my head, and all through my body. I wondered, what in the world is going on? Could this be the power of God?...She (Kuhlman) was extremely sensitive to the Spirit and wanted only prayed-up positive supporters of her ministry right in front of her…Kathryn Kuhlman appeared. Almost instantly, the atmosphere in the room *became electric*…Miss Kuhlman led the audience in singing "How Great Thou Art"…The worship was far beyond

[64] The Greek word for 'all things' is πᾶς (pas) with the meaning 'all / the whole of something.' John is reiterating what Jesus had said to his disciples, Jesus said 'God will send someone in my place and he will help you to recollect and understand all what I have said to you.' The best example of this understanding of the Holy Spirit is seen from two places in scripture: (a) Luke 24:45 "Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures." (b) Acts 16:14 "One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message….The Greek word for opened is διανοίγω (dia-noi-go) meaning 'to open up completely' (similar with πᾶς) The "Lord" in Acts 16:14 is synonymous with the Holy Spirit. We can say this because at that point in time, Jesus is not on earth the Holy Spirit / Jesus' spirit is, as promised. Thus, one of the Holy Spirit's purposes is to expound the teachings of Jesus Christ in order that one may understand, *especially of His unseen, spiritual kingdom which believers will inherit after death along with the glorified body (not this earth; nor the return of Eden)* **John 14:2-4** "My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." (it requires its own dedicated paper)

anything I had experienced..., I can only describe it as coming face-to-face with pure, spiritual truth…As the glorious worship continued, I felt a gentle breeze begin to blow…in many ways it felt like *a current of air*—moving down one of my arms and up the other…Next, I felt as if my body were being wrapped in *a warm*, pure blanket…(in that service) she pointed her long finger at the crowd and said with great confidence, "He's more real to me than you—more real than anything in this world!" (referring to the Holy Spirit) At that moment—when she spoke these words—something penetrated deep inside me. Again I cried and said, "Lord, (referring to Jesus) please let me know You like this." As the service was about to conclude *I looked up and saw what seemed to be a mist that was around and over the head of the woman evangelist. I thought for a moment I had been crying so much it was just me—or an illusion. I looked again and it was real. Through the mist, her face was shining like a light…I am convinced, however, that He (God) used that meeting to manifest His awesome power to me*…(after he saw the 'mist' and the 'shining face') I pondered, "What did she mean? What was she really saying when she talked about her friend, the Holy Spirit?"…I arrived home totally exhausted…as I lay stretched out on my bed (in Toronto), it seemed that something was tugging at me. I was being pulled off the mattress and onto my knees. *The sensation was strange, but I did not resist*…I wondered, How can I have what the evangelist in Pittsburg had experienced? That's what I *desired* more than anything in this *world*—to experience the reality of what Kathryn Kuhlman had talked about!...I developed a hunger, *a craving to know the Holy Spirit in that same dimension*…I prayed (praying to the Holy Spirit), "Holy Spirit—Kathryn Kuhlman says you are her friend." I continued, "I don't think I know You. Now, before today I thought I did. But after the meeting, I realized I really don't." In childlike faith I asked, "Can I meet You? Can I really meet You?"…kneeling on the floor, with my eyes still closed, I felt something that resembled *a jolt of electricity*. Instantly, my body began to *vibrate*…I was shaking, but I also felt *the warm*, soft blanket of God's presence wrapped around me…There He was—*the Holy Spirit had entered my room*. And he was as real as the bed I was kneeling beside. For *the next several hours I was crying and laughing at the same time*…(after meeting with the Holy Spirit) I opened my Bible, not knowing where to begin. As I turned back the cover of the Holy Book, *I felt Him there*—as if He were sitting right beside me. My eyes did not see His face or gaze upon His countenance, but I was *keenly* aware of where He was in my room.[65]

Pastor Hinn is clearly a channeler judging by the comparative-testimonies presented. He, like Kathryn Kuhlman HAS HEALED SOME PHYSICAL AILMENTS and EXORCISED LOWER SPIRITS WITH THE HELP OF HIS OWN 'FAMILIAR-SPIRIT.' John MacArthur in his book *Strange Fire* chastises the Charismatics and the Pentecostals by saying, "the real Holy Spirit is not an *electrifying current* of *ecstatic energy*…He does not knock them backwards to the ground in an unconscious stupor.[66] In a book written in the 1900 about a particular 'mage' (a male magician / wizard), an adult person receives "a *shock* like that from a *powerful electric battery* which nearly threw him down…" a *current* which originated from "the familiar Spirits…" (Source and detail unavailable)

Watch out for Pastor Hinn's associates to know more about other individuals like him within and outside the prosperity gospel. He has imparted the same spirit to many of his followers and colleagues to carry on this false-holy spirit. Few have their own youtube channel. The 'electrifying energy' was named Holy Spirit fire / fire baptism / fire of God by some branches of Christianity.[67]

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[65] Benny Hinn, *He touched me: An Autobiography* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1999), 15; 28; 42-43; 51-59. 'Kathryn Kuhlman' is a female evangelist from Pittsburg, 'a well-known Charismatic faith healer' before Hinn. She is also the one who inspired Him.

[66] John MacArthur, *Strange Fire: The Danger of Offending the Holy Spirit with Counterfeit Worship* (USA: Nelson Books, 2013), xii, xiii.
He means "un-explainable outburst of emotions" when he said *"ecstatic energy."* The same book is a great read for understanding the biblical Holy Spirit contrast to the Holy Spirit of the Charismatic and Pentecostals.

[67] The wrong understanding of "Fire baptism" comes from Matthew 3:11 & Luke 3:16. In context, the evangelists were speaking of two baptisms which is being (and will be) done by the same Lord. Of salvation (Holy Spirit) and the Judgment (by Fire)—two people who misunderstood these passages; one turned to "mysticism" and the other belief in the "second baptism."

First: After he prayed for that fire baptism. "Suddenly I (Benjamin Hardin Irwin, 1896) saw in the room above me a large cross of pure transparent fire; it was all fire. I've been enabled by the Holy Ghost to see that wonderful Cross of living fire and the same place above me every moment from that hour to this no fire that was ever kindled on earth was half so pure so beautiful so divinely transparent as that in a few moments the whole room was Ablaze with a seven-fold light."

Full video: LongforTruth1, "The origin of fire baptism." https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kRro5xiDWI

Second: Zac Poonen: "There is a baptism in water, there's a baptism in fire. This is the second promise in the New Testament. First one is he will save his people from their sins Matthew 1:21 and the other is here in Matthew 3:11 he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and Fire…if only they (youths) were so eager to go to Jesus and say Lord baptize me in fire (not only with water) Boy, their lives would have been different."

Full video: sermonindex.net, "The Baptism Of Fire by Zac Poonen." https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lww9JRdYZHQ

The 'faith' referred to by Charismatic Christianity is similar to the 'desire'[68] of this paper. And they believe one can get drunk on the Holy Spirit.[69] As most Christian readers would be aware, this seems a lot like Satanism / Paganism / Animism. But, no pentagram, no blood, no black candles and most importantly no ritual / ceremony / sacrifice. No special / unique ritual required for contacting the spirits. It's just the person's mind, his desires and the spirits. This is why one can also say, Satanism (worship of Satan) is the perverted version and a 'foolish' road to travel when attempting to contact a spirit / spirits.[70] As Luciferianism is a lighter version of Satanism, white magic is the lighter version of black magic.

While Satanism, pre-Christian beliefs and other forms of *spiritism* are obvious to the average Christian, there are other spheres which are less obvious. As a result, *crafty-spirits* have managed to *shroud* itself behind the name 'Holy Spirit' for a long time (cf. footnote no. 5) Such 'extra-spiritual-Christians' will consistently have an *origin* story of 'supernatural encounter' which kick started their interest in "God" and their ministries (see: 'introduction')

Dear brothers and sisters, Pastor Hinn is but only a single example. There are more pastors-teachers-preachers-evangelists with varying stories of *encounters;* each with their own 'familiar-spirit.' Use the information from "how does one become a Shaman?"; "how does one become a channeler?"; especially, the "three testimonies" from the three Channelers and the "symptoms of Channeling" to ascertain their power-source. Watch out for:

- Did a being appear to them in dreams or vision telling them to "do this" or to "do that"?
- Was their family part of a shamanic blood line?
- Did they have a near death experience (accident, drowning, lightning strike etc) shortly after which they displayed supernatural powers?
- Did they purposefully seek / search for specific gifts like 'healing,' 'exorcisms,' 'prophecy' *and also others*?
- And the six (6) points above…

Suppose the readers suspect a person of their own Christian community to be a **Christian-witch-doctor**, they may use the ten (10) points above to uncover the **MARKS** which will aid in pinpointing the source of their power. Once 'confirmed,' do not go with the intent of 'exorcism.' Almost all of the time, their *spirits* / *familiar-spirits* does not reside within them, mostly they would linger near the person unseen; they're not possessed according to the traditional understanding of possession (similar to 'shamans' cf. footnote 17) Instead, reason with them, try and get them to change their minds. If that fails, 'expose' them to the whole congregation. For if they're not exposed, the will be a stumbling block for the "the weak in faith." (Romans 14 and 1 Corinthians 8)

This is the operation of the spirits inside the "magic-religious" world. They're also actively working in the "secular world." To get a sense of it, see "Occult."

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[68] Dr. Konstantin G. Korotkov, professor of Computer Science, Biophysics and Psychology calls it "intentions / intention."

[69] "drunk in the Holy Spirit" (Kirk, 2013, 63.); "drunk in the spirit" (Poloma, 2003, 5) ; "profoundly easy to become drunk" (Viola, 2009, 295) Due to incorrect understanding of Acts 2:13-15.

[70] True devoted unbiblical-Satanism is the worst method; one gets the 'notorious spirit' (not necessarily more powerful) over the more 'gentler spirit.' Why? The reason is when one practices Satanism / Demon worship, he / she is aware (majority of the time, due to the popularity of Christianity) of exactly what it is they are doing. Which is why, the spirits need not mascaraed themselves; they came to 'them' just as 'they' would ***expect*** them to be (split-hoof; pungent odor etc). Satanism is practiced especially by people who wanted power. In other words, bad people, mad for power & money, murderer, rapist, psychopaths. People who hates the God of the Bible. Whereas, Channeling is practiced by people who mostly wanted to help other people (the concept of White and Black Magic emerges) DO NOT PRACTICE SATANISM, CHANNELING or MEDITATION.'

The 'meditation' mentioned in Joshua 1:8 is the Hebrew הָגָה (ha-gah) meaning 'to moan, growl, utter, speak, muse.' In that context, it means 'to remind oneself constantly' by 'uttering / telling to oneself and to others' so that it is not forgotten. The Hebrew verb could also refer to the mutterings of mediums and wizards (Isaiah 8:19) However, the context shows it's the 'Law of Moses.'

Warren Baker and Eugene Carpenter, "הָגָה hagah" in *The complete Word Study Dictionary: Old Testament* (Chattanooga, Tennessee: AMG publishers, 2003), 254.

The *spirits* (pneumata) are "masters of deception." They played both sides of MAN'S STANDARD FOR GOOD AND EVIL to convince man that they are actually 'good' to further blind and mislead the ***innocent***, as with Pastor Hinn (there are varieties of deceptions, and this is one of them) The 'Gospel of Jesus Christ' is like a pure fountain that sets people "free" from "the world" (it requires its own dedicated paper) However, it can be polluted and corrupted through 'human desires.' (See: 'Magical Paper' p. 2) And through human desires, the *spirits* (if given an opportunity) causes something known as "supply and demand" like we see from the modern day 'demon slayers' ; 'healers' ; 'visioners' ; 'dreamers' ; 'exorcists' and 'story tellers.'

Paul had warned Timothy (64-65 A.D) that there will be **'imposters'** (γόητες[71] / magicians) who will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived (2 Timothy 3:13) Therefore, anyone who has ears and understanding needs to strengthen themselves and be 'watchmen' and 'guardians' of the pure gospel from *doctrine of spirits*. James 1:13-16 states that, 'God does not tempt anyone, but each person is tempted when he is led away and lured by his own **'desire'** *(epithymias).*[72] Due to this reasons, such 'extra-spiritual-Christians' cannot blame God when He eventually "disqualifies / rejects" them at the end.

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[71] A conjurer; an enchanter; one who leads astray; a seducer; a mind deceiver.

"γόης (góēs)" in *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament,* edited by Spiros Zoshiates (U.S.A, Chattanooga: AMG Publishers, 1994), 380.

Magic flourished among the Jews despite strong and persistent condemnation by the religious authority (Exodus 22:18; Lev. 19:26; 31; 20: 6; 27; Deu. 18: 10, 11) Sickness was almost always diagnosed as caused by evil invading spirits. Therefore, the best attested form of magic among the Jews in the 1 century A.D and prior was exorcism. The abilities of healing magic / magical healing were regarded as 'special wisdom' from God *(as has been stated, shamanism is considered to be a gift from the unseen, either from the sky god, the gods, the spirits or the ancestors) Eleazar* in the late 1st century A. D. *(an Essene according to Josephus the historian)* was described as specializing in the art of healing and as being an expert in the medicinal properties of roots and stones (*in other words, he's a 'shaman.') Even among the chosen / elect of old, there are many individual practicing magic forgetting their God who rescued them. This is just one example. Paul might have been talking about the Essenes or the* יָחַד *which they use to refer to themselves as.*

P. S. Alexander, "Incantations and Books of Magic," in *The History of the Jewish people in the Age of Jesus Christ (175 B.C-A.D. 135),* rev. and ed. G. Vermes, F. Millar and M. Goodman vol. III (Edinburg: T & T. Clarks, 1986), 342-379.

Moses and Aaron encountered Janness and Jambres (Exodus 7:10-12 & 2 Tim. 3:8) the Egyptian 'magician' who displayed some form of 'magical powers' (Donald Guthrie, *The Pastorals Epistles*, 171; 173, 174) *'the false teachers' of 2 Timothy appear to be the same.' Corrupting the gospel with their teachings deceiving people and being deceived*.

[72] Scot McKnight says, 'James traces "evil" (evil desire) not to God or even to Satan, but to the seductive power of human desires.' Cf. Mark 7: 18-23 (Scot McKnight, *The Letter of James,* 118) Dan G. McCartney says, James is addressing their 'desire to do evil and the desire for self-exaltation and personal gratification or for safety at the expense of right.' (McCartney, *James,* 106) James's recipients had (a) bitter jealousy and (b) selfish ambition in their hearts (3:14) which demons also have (3:16) he therefore instructed them to be 'slow to speak,' 'slow to anger,' 'to show no partiality' and 'to tame their tongues.'

Since the Jews had yearned for an 'independent Jewish state' for a long time, James (before 62 A.D, if he was indeed the author) would have to shepherd the Jewish Christians especially at Judea not to take part in the future insurrection. Paul (57 – 59 A.D) through his scribe Tertius, in Romans 13:1 said something similar, "Let every soul (ψυχὴ) be subject to *the governing authorities*, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God." Here, *'soul'* refers to the mind (intellect and decision making) of the recipients. Paul is cognitively beseeching them to submit; opposing the government is opposing God (Romans 13:2) "Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves."

Having cleared the type of desire James meant, we now come to the use of James' letter on this paper. Desire' (wrong desire) has to do with 'desiring to make contact with *spirits'* (mistaking it as the Holy Spirit) for a variety of reasons (see especially 'Channeling' ; especially for powers of 'exorcisms and healings') No one can say "God caused me to desire contact with *spirits*" because, God does not 'tempt' or 'cause' ***it*** in 'our' hearts, but each person is 'tempted' when they are led away and 'lured' by their own *situations, curiosity, lusts, circumstances* and *ideas* which they may have about God, the gospel, the world, the universe and the after-life…As it has now been shown by this *paper*, it is not only Satanists / Devil worshipper / necromancers (etc) who contacts *spirits*; so called believers are also dabbling in things they should not. Matthew 7:22-23 ***was*** and ***will be*** the lament of many at the final judgment.

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